Effective Dates: May 5th through May 15th 2014 - Weekly Firewood Information Clackamas River and Zigzag Ranger Districts – Mt. Hood National Forest



Mt. Hood National Forest - Weekly Firewood Information Sheet Westside Firewood Cutting Zone

Valid only with current permit and valid load tickets

Clackamas River Ranger District

595 NW Industrial Way, Estacada, OR 97023 (503) 630-6861

Office Hours:

Monday through Friday: 7:45am to 4:30pm Closed 11:30 to 12:30 for lunch Closed National Holidays

Zigzag Ranger District

70220 E HWY 26, Zigzag, OR 97049 (503) 622-3191

Office Hours:

Monday through Friday: 7:45am to 4:30pm Closed 12:00 to 1:00 for lunch Closed National Holidays

Clackamas River Ranger District Tip Line: 503-630-8751 (To report any suspicious activity)

Firewood permits are no longer available at the Mt. Hood Forest Headquarters office in Sandy.

www.fs.usda.gov/mthood

Your firewood permit is only valid on Mt. Hood National Forest Land.

Have a map in your possession and be sure that you are not cutting firewood on Clackamas County,

Bureau of Land Management, State of Oregon, Weyerhouser, or other private land.

ATTENTION: Due to illegal tree cutting, the firewood program is at risk in some areas. It is illegal to cut down standing trees, dead or alive. Help us keep the firewood program going. If you see someone cutting standing trees or otherwise cutting firewood in an unsafe or suspicious manner, please get a description of the vehicle, the time and a license number if possible and contact your local District office or Law Enforcement, or call the Tip Line 503-630-8751.

General Information & Firewood Opportunities

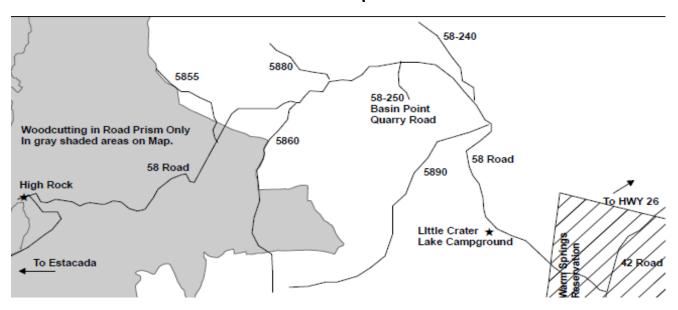
<u>Zigzag District:</u> Due to many roadside locations directly adjacent to sensitive riparian habitat, please use the Special Request Process for firewood collection on the Zigzag Ranger District. Firewood cutting on the 2612 road (Still Creek road) is allowed within the road prism only.

Clackamas District:

58 Road: Wood cutting within 100' of the 58 road as shown on the map and described on page two. Species make up is a mix of Lodgepole, Douglas-fir and hemlock. Diameters are smaller and most range from 12 inches and less. This area was open at the end of the 2013 season. *The elevation of this firewood area is* 3,400 - 4,300 feet, and may currently be inaccessible due to snow pack on the 58 road.

Also see the Clackamas District Roads Table for more Firewood Opportunities listed by Road.

Firewood Area Map for 58 Road



Wood Cutting is allowed on Forest Service land within the road prism and within 100 feet of the road in areas not shaded in gray, or hash marked. In the non- gray shaded areas of the map there are slash piles located along the 58, 5860, 58-240, 58-250, and 5880. Slash piles vary in size. Use extreme caution if collecting wood from slash piles, as they can be very unstable. No firewood cutting on Warm Springs Reservation land (shown in hash marked area on map). Wood cutting is allowed only within the road prism in areas where roads overlap with gray shaded area on map. Do not take vehicle off the main roads – park on the shoulder so that you do not block traffic. Here are some examples of what you can expect to see:

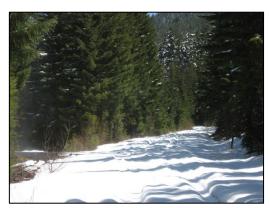




Photo taken last season – Slash Pile in firewood area.



Above Left: On 58 road, at Pyramid Lake Junction approx. 3,500 feet elevation. Photo taken 4/28/2013

Above Right: On 58 road, at 240 spur shown on firewood area map above. At approx. 3,500 feet elevation.

Photo Taken: 4/28/2013

Rules and Regulations

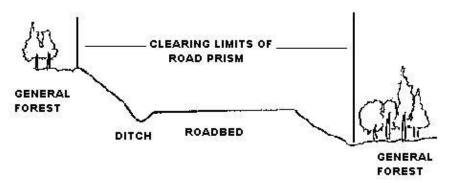
<u>In addition to "General and Other Conditions" listed on the back of your permit</u>, violation of any of the following rules can result in fines and/or suspension of firewood cutting privileges.

- 1) WOODCUTTING IS PROHIBITED in timber sale areas (examples of timber sale areas are as follows, but not limited to, where standing trees and/or downed logs are painted, boundary flagging is present, logging equipment is operating or stationary, log decks are present, where stumps are present and it appears trees have been cut down) developed campgrounds, Wilderness Areas, Late Successional Reserves, Research Natural Areas, riparian areas (riparian areas are defined as land within 300 feet of water such as springs, streams, wet meadows, floodplains and overflow channels) and all other areas posted closed to woodcutting unless otherwise indicated on the Weekly Information Sheet.
- 2) Your permit is only valid on Mt. Hood National Forest land. The Forest recommends that you have a map in your possession while hunting for and collecting your firewood. Wood cutting on non-Forest Service land is not authorized under your permit. Look for indicators that may help you determine whether or not you are on Mt. Hood National Forest Land. Forest Service roads (when marked) will be marked with brown carsonite signs accompanied by 4 numbers (for example: 4670) or 7 numbers (indicating main road and spur road (for example: 4670 210). Forest Service gates when open or closed are usually green or brown. Areas where clear-cuts are present, where gates are not brown or green, where road signs and numbers are not as described can be assumed as non-Forest Service land. If you are unsure about where you are, do not cut. Submit a Special Request or call to find out if the area is ok.
- 3) Woodcutting activity is only permitted within road prisms and/or within 100 feet of open forest roads. Examples of closed forest roads, are roads that are blocked by a gate, guard rail, constructed berm, large boulders, scarified ground where the original road surface has been "ripped up", or signed as closed. See the Roads Table for the Clackamas River Ranger District for specific road by road information.
- ~To report suspicious activity on the Clackamas <u>River</u> <u>Ranger District, call: 503-630-8751~</u>

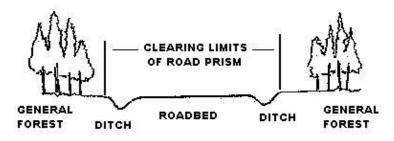
- 4) Woodcutters must comply with all road closures, seasonal and temporary.
- 5) Off road travel is not authorized while collecting firewood. Park on the shoulder or in a safe constructed wide spot to gather firewood.
- 6) Do not cut trees (standing and/or down) marked with paint, signs, and/or wildlife tags. Only the collection of recently downed trees is allowed. Trees that have cavities in them and/or botanical life growing from them, should be left for wildlife and nutrient cycling.
- 7) It is PROHIBITED to cut standing trees.
- 8) Protect all live trees and other vegetation during removal activities.
- 9) The only power equipment authorized for use are: chainsaws and small hydraulic splitter, unless otherwise prohibited in specific cutting areas. Winching or using a cable to drag out firewood is not allowed.
- **10)** Each household may purchase **up to 5 cords of personal use firewood annually.** Cost is \$10.00 per cord; minimum purchase two cords per permit (\$20.00).
- **11) Fill out the Product Quantity Removal Record on your signed permit.** The Product Quantity Removal Record is located above the signature line on your permit.
- 12) A new load tag must be validated by completely removing the month and day that you are transporting your firewood. The validated tag must be attached at the back of the load prior to moving the vehicle and must be clearly visible. One tag is required for every 1/2 cord of firewood, or any portion thereof. See Cord Wood Illustrations
- 13) Remove all slash from roads and ditches. Pack out ALL garbage you generate from your activities (examples include: lunch trash, beverage containers, cigarette butts, toilet paper, gas cans, broken chains etc...)

DIAGRAMS DEFINING THE ROAD PRISM

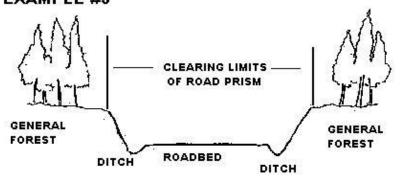
EXAMPLE #1



EXAMPLE #2



EXAMPLE #3



Example Product Quantity Removal Record & Firewood Tag Validation

PRODUCT QUANTITY REMOVAL RECORD											
Date	Time	Quantity Removed	Date	Time	Quantity Removed	Date	Time	Quantity Removed	Date	Time	Quantity Removed
07/12	2:00pm	2 Cords									
08/01	9:00am	1 Cord									
09/12	2:00pm	1 Cord									
10/14	11:45am	½ Cord									

This sample tag is correctly validated.

The Month and Day is completely removed.

The pre-perforated Month and Day holes on this year's firewood tags are unreliable.

You should still *completely* remove the Month and Day as this sample tag illustrates.

Your tag validation must match the Product Quantity Removal Record (see the above example). You can clearly tell that
October and 14 are
completely removed,
therefore this sample tag
is validated for October
14.

